

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Makoto MURAMATSU, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/784,202

GAU: 1734

FILED: February 24, 2004

EXAMINER: B. A. Lamb

FOR: PROCESS LIQUID SUPPLY NOZZLE, PROCESS LIQUID SUPPLY DEVICE AND NOZZLE CLEANING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to place these reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 in the file. Copies of the listed reference(s) are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language reference(s).
- Online credit card payment is being made in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

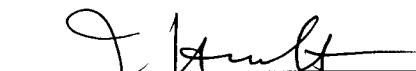
- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
- Online credit card payment is being made in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

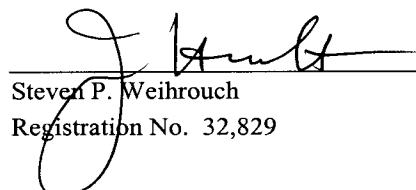
CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Steven P. Wehrhouch
Registration No. 32,829


James D. Hamilton
Registration No. 28,421

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 05/03)

I:\ATTY\JDH\249\249226us\249226US.IDS TRANS DUE 11-1-07.DOC